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1 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, In 2013, Illinois produced 2.1 billion bushels of
3 corn, making it the State's number one cash crop with an
4 approximate value of \$8.1 billion; and

5 WHEREAS, Corn is an essential feedstock in the production
6 of ethanol, a homegrown, clean-burning renewable fuel; and

7 WHEREAS, Illinois' 14 ethanol production facilities across
8 the State produce 1.7 billion gallons of ethanol annually,
9 employ nearly 4,000 workers, and have a \$5.3 billion impact on
10 the State's economy; and

11 WHEREAS, The Illinois ethanol industry can support more
12 than 30% of the State's gasoline demand; and

13 WHEREAS, The Illinois renewable fuel sector, which
14 includes conventional ethanol, cellulosic ethanol, biodiesel,
15 and advanced biofuels and their suppliers, generates \$17.5
16 billion of total economic output annually, supports 73,156
17 jobs, generates \$4.7 billion in wages annually, and contributes
18 \$1.1 billion in federal taxes and \$680.7 million in State taxes
19 annually; and

20 WHEREAS, Ethanol provides lower cost fuel to Illinois

1 citizens; and

2 WHEREAS, Despite the undeniable benefits of ethanol to our
3 economy, our environment, and our national security, the United
4 States Environmental Protection Agency has proposed a 20%
5 reduction to the amount of ethanol that is blended into the
6 nation's fuel supply as outlined in the Renewable Fuel
7 Standard; and

8 WHEREAS, Congressional intent related to the Renewable
9 Fuel Standard blending volumes is clearly outlined in the
10 Energy Policy Act of 2005 and the Energy Independence and
11 Security Act of 2007; and

12 WHEREAS, Job losses, stunted investment, diminished
13 economic growth, and greater carbon emissions would result if
14 the Environmental Protection Agency's proposed Renewable Fuel
15 Standard rules were made final; and

16 WHEREAS, The Environmental Protection Agency is not only
17 acting contrary to congressional intent, but to its own mission
18 to protect human health and the environment by proposing
19 regressive Renewable Fuel Standard rules; and

20 WHEREAS, President Obama is and has been a strong supporter
21 of the Renewable Fuel Standard and ethanol as a viable

1 renewable energy source; therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
3 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE
4 SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that we urge President Obama to order
5 the United States Environmental Protection Agency to adhere to
6 congressional intent and maintain the Renewable Fuel Standard
7 blending rules in their current form; and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
9 presented to President Obama as an expression of our support
10 for corn growers and the ethanol industry in Illinois and our
11 serious concerns about the Environmental Protection Agency's
12 proposed Renewable Fuel Standard blending rules.